

NEWS BRIEF

Hostage held
at St. Joseph
Motel 6

St. Joseph police were called to the Motel 6 on Frederick Avenue Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Local law enforcement and Missouri State Highway Patrol were called to the scene after it was confirmed an armed gunman barricaded himself and a female hostage in a room, according to KQ2.

By 3 p.m. the standoff was still active as the St. Joseph Police department, Missouri Highway patrol, Buchanan County Sheriff department and SWAT were on location.

There have been no reports of any guests of the hotel being shot or injured.

Guests at the motel and neighboring hotels were told to stay inside after there were reports of gunshots being fired.

Businesses and schools within the area were closed as well as Interstate 29 north and southbound between mile markers 44 and 50 according to 41 news in St. Joseph.

Missouri State Highway Patrol and St. Joseph Police department both declined comment.

The situation was ongoing at press time.

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Community members celebrate the ground breaking of the newest Maryville bank, Wells Bank. Wells Bank is set to open in the Spring of 2016.

New Wells Bank site begins development

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Construction workers were on the move and the officials from Wells Banks had their golden shovels ready in the dirt. Community members gathered together on a windy afternoon to launch their groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wells Bank on 2920 South Main St.

The site directly across from the Applebee's restaurant is being managed by Loan Officer and Branch Manager Mark Quick. Quick recently moved from Oregon

to Maryville with his wife, 4 children and 8 years of financial service experience underneath his belt. This coming spring he and four additional employees will begin operations and gladly help the people of Nodaway County.

"The Maryville community has been so kind to me since I moved here, I can't wait to give some of it back. It's much bigger than my old one, but my family and I are really enjoying this town," Quick said.

Most Wells Banks are located in Platte County. However, the idea of the new bank location became a reality because several

members of management had ties with Maryville and graduated from Northwest University. With some public assistance and development agreements, Copeland Construction jumped at the chance to build the new 3,600 square foot bank.

"It all started in Platte County, and this will be the first branch outside of it. With a lot of us from Maryville, we're very excited to bring some hometown banking," said President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Barmann.

With the new bank coming to Nodaway County, more jobs will be created along with easier access

to Wells Bank. They offer a full line of loan accounts and with business and personal deposits. They also include fixed rate mortgages for residential and agricultural real estate.

Wells Bank is also scheduled to merge with Bank CBO (formerly The Citizens Bank of Oregon) in January, 2016. Now, with the new Maryville location and the merger, Wells Bank will have banks and banking centers throughout Kansas City, Oregon, Platte City, Savannah, and Maryville.

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City Council
approves
speed limit
reduction

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After several complaints from concerned drivers in Maryville and recommendations from the Missouri Department of Transportation, the city council approved a change to speed limits along U.S. Highway 71.

City Manager Greg McDaniel said the complaints were in regards to the speed of the drivers affecting their ability to stop at lights.

"Several citizens have made the request to the City of Maryville and MoDOT to reduce the speed limit on Highway 71 Bypass at the Highway 136 intersection," McDaniel said. "Drivers are concerned with north-southbound drivers running yellow lights at a high rate of speed and fear increased accidents."

The speed limit along U.S. Highway 71, previously 60 mph with the exception of the road near Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing which was previously 45, will be changed to 55 mph in both places.

A Speed Limit Study conducted by MoDOT showed that in the southbound lane, near the U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. 136 intersection, the average speed of vehicles was 52 mph. In the northbound lane near the intersection the average speed was 36 mph.

McDaniel said the recommended speed limit was set after deciding that one speed

throughout that stretch of highway was the safest decision.

"MoDOT's analysis shows that lowering the speed at intersection of question would create three separate speed zones, which is actually less safe than one consistent speed," McDaniel said. "Drivers become unaware of the speed zones and travel at a larger range of speeds which can lead to worsening traffic conditions. MoDOT recommended the entire length of the corridor from north to south city limits to be 55 mph."

The change in the speed limit is not that drastic, it is only a 5 mph reduction. However, Director of Public Safety Keith Wood said he believes the speed could even be lowered more.

"It is not that big of a change, however at those intersections whatever we can do to drive down the speed limits is good. Even the reduction by just 5 mph, accidents at those speeds can make a big difference," Wood said. "In the perfect world, the speed at those intersections would be 45. But then you would be going 60, 45, 60, 45, 60 and that isn't safe either."

Statistically, the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 136 has a low crash rate, 0.43 crashes per 1 million vehicles. The intersection also allows for long sight distance.

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Local car dealers
drive funds for
MHS athletics

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The Lincoln Motor Company and its dealers let others put their pedal to the metal in an effort to raise \$8,000 for Maryville High School athletics with the Driven to Give Program. For every person who took to the wheel and test-drove an eligible Lincoln, Tri-State and Lincoln donated \$20 to Maryville High School. Whenever a second test drive occurred in the Lincoln Navigator, Lincoln donated another \$20.

The program was created with the combination of the widely successful Drive Smart For Your School and Drive Smart For A Cause programs.

Driven to Give is designed to help raise funding for nonprofit organizations and local communities, all the while giving others a chance to ride the new models.

Maryville High School Principal Thom Alavrez was very eager to gain support for the school in any fashion.

"Ford dealership supports schools and programs while increasing exposure to Ford products. It pays for test drivers, and those are donated to the school," Alavrez said.

With the help of local communities and Lincoln dealerships all over the United States, Lincoln Motor Company has successfully raised over \$4.5 million for educational or charitable organizations.

"In years past it's brought multiple thousands of dollars. It's safe to say around \$20,000, and that number may be too low. It's been a great partnership. Every time we asked, they did it," Alavrez said.

Participants had to be 18 or older with a valid driver's license to test-drive a Lincoln. Each test drive lasted from five to 10 minutes. The vehicles featured ranged from the reimaged 2015 and 2016 Lincoln lineup.

Once the test drive was over, prizes and giveaways were available for anyone who participated.

"Our community is amazing. We have raised tens of thousands of dollars in the process. Our community really pulls through. And the Ford Company has been absolutely amazing. It really supports our school," Alavrez said.

Due to the help of Ford's Lincoln Motor Company and the community, a generous amount of money was raised for the Maryville High School athletics.



Members of Common Ground met in front of the Bell Tower Monday night in honor of Matthew Shepard following Gay Pride weekend.

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Common Ground hosts candlelight vigil

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Members of the Northwest community gathered to remember Matthew Shepard Monday evening with a candlelight vigil at the Bell Tower.

Shepard was a 21-year-old college student at the University

of Wyoming in Laramie when he died Oct. 12, 1998, five days after he was attacked for his sexual orientation.

Common Ground, an organization at Northwest whose purpose is to promote acceptance and understanding of people with different sexual orientations, holds the vigil every year.

Vice President of Student

Affairs at Northwest Matt Baker and two members of Common Ground spoke at the vigil. Baker encouraged people to work together to combat bigotry and oppression of any demographic of people. Baker said he has seen a remarkable increase in acceptance and open discussion about sexual orientations over the past 20 years on campus.

“I truly believe, in my heart of hearts, that when you can be open about who you are, life gets better,” Baker said.

Brittany Coppock, a Northwest student who spoke at the vigil, said that society has made progress.

“Matthew Shepard did not die in vain,” Coppock said, referring to Shepard’s death sparking

national discussion about hate-crime laws and society’s views on the LGBTQ community.

The tragedy also resulted in the Shepard/Byrd Act of 2009 which gives the FBI the authority to investigate violent hate crimes, including violence directed at the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community, according to fbi.gov.

Campus, community prepares for haunted houses

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The days are getting shorter, the temperature is getting colder, and the scariness is just getting started. Yes, Halloween is just right around the corner.

Halloween is the only time of the year where children can walk up to a complete stranger’s house and get

candy from them with no repercussions. Another big part of the holiday is all of the different activities that go on, such as Haunted Houses.

Haunted Houses pop up everywhere around the United States, including on the campus of Northwest. The Student Senate and National Residence Hall Honorary are co-sponsoring the Scare Project to turn Phillips Hall into a haunted house.

Sophomore Jordan Strittmatter, went to the Scare Project last year and said she had a great time.

“It was super fun and actually scary. I would go again,” Strittmatter said. “The Scare Project was one of the best Haunted Houses that I have ever been too and I encourage everyone to come out to help out such a good cause.”

The Scare Project will happen Oct. 30 and 31 in Phillips Hall where it will be free for students with their Bearcat Card, but they are accepting free will donations of can goods for the Ministry Center.

Civic Service Co-Chair sophomore Jake Hain explains how everyone should go to the Scare Project.

“It is just a cool experience. You can go with your friends and hang out. It is a free haunted house, so if you like being scared, go there,” Hain said.

The members of the two organizations help put on the event by running one of the rooms in the haunted house, or by collecting the food before the students enter.

The Scare Project is not like other Haunted Houses. People will jump out of nowhere and try to be as scary as possible, but will not touch you.

The organizations just want students to have a fun time and not worry about getting hurt by people working it.

If you cannot go to the Scare Project, there are other opportunities to go to a haunted house in Maryville.

On 3rd Street The Devil’s Asylum Haunted House is open all month long on Thursdays and Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The price for a Northwest student is five dollars on Thursday and Friday nights and 10 dollars for Saturday night.

If haunted houses are not that scary, there is a cemetery 10 minutes north of Maryville that was home of Workman Chapel.

In the 1950s, there was a chapel where people got married, worship and have funerals.

There is a legend where the preacher stabbed a woman to death and hid the weapon under the floor bored. Then there was a woman hung in one of the great trees that is still there.

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MHS reaches top 500 high schools

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For the second time this year, Maryville High School has been recognized by two national organizations for academic success.

Maryville High School was ranked 355 out of 500 in America's Top High Schools list of the U.S. World Report.

The rankings are based on calculated data gathered throughout the country and results from the ACT scores, end of course exams, and graduation rates.

Principal Thom Alvarez was quick to acknowledge the glory earned was due to both students and the faculty committed.

"It's a great honor, and it's the students that deserve it. They worked hard to achieve this. Other than students, it's attributed to all the teachers across all grades in Maryville," Alvarez said.

Before earning the recognition as 355 among 500, Maryville earned another title as a gold star school. It also won a bronze medal in the Best High Schools survey, which is compiled annually by U.S. News & World Report.

"A couple of years ago we were recognized as a gold star school. A school that is achieving well, has good test grades, high graduation amount and etc. It's a precursor to the blue ribbon," Alvarez said.

Alvarez reasoned that awards were also due to STEM courses. STEM courses focus on the studies of mathematics, engineering, technology, and science. STEM sets high expectations for the students and the teachers.

Alvarez discussed how the teachers had to build and strive for trust between them and the students.

He went into detail about how



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Maryville High School was ranked one of the top 500 high schools in America for the second year in a row. Maryville was ranked 355 in the U.S. World Report.

it seemed to be a driven goal for a teacher to be flexible with their students.

"It took a lot of building, but I believe there is a good level of trust and decent relationship with the teachers and students. I believe that is what was key in becoming the 355th in the country.

Academic success and a great

student-teacher communication. If there is none, then it won't work it, simple as that," Alvarez said.

The principal was not the only that was glad to share the results as some faculty spoke up.

"We do have a good school at Maryville. It's the right size. Schools can either be too big or too large. Most of the students know

each other. If it's too big you just don't get to know them all. We have really good academics and teachers that motivate the students to excel." Maryville high school teacher Trudy Kinman said.

According to faculty member Vicki Barod, committed students and staff is an integral part of the school's success.

"I think it shows the dedication of our students and teachers. It shows that they work hard." Faculty member Vicki Barod said.

With the awards, the school is working to setting a nice new place for its well-earned plaque. And afterwards, faculty and staff plan on celebrating, though they were not exactly sure how.

Local competitive canned food drive rescheduled

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While the Maryville Spoofohounds and the Savannah Savages were battling on the field for the football game, another competition was cooking between the two schools.

Each held a can food drive to try to beat a bigger competition: hunger.

The drive started about five years ago when the two schools figured out that they could have another competition to help others. Usually during the week before the game, the two schools start collecting the

can food. The school with the highest weight of food wins the traveling trophy.

For Savannah High School, the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) program has classes compete for in-school bragging rights. The food collected from Savannah goes to the Andrew County Food Pantry.

On the opposing side, Maryville High School Athletic Director Jason Kurz also organizes a food drive where classes compete.

The contributions of the classes go toward the Ministry Center in Maryville.

Savannah High School senior Rebecca Ernst, one of the leaders for Savannah's DECA program, said there is a meaning deeper than just beating the other team.

"Not only do we want to help members of our community who are less fortunate, we also feel that this drive creates a bigger sense of community among Savannah High School, and school spirit because we see more attendance at this rivalry game," Ernst said.

This year, the competition had an unfortunate turn of events for both schools. The schools recently lost one of their teachers, April Suzan-

na Lawyer. This became a huge issue because she was such a beloved teacher, especially in Maryville.

Lawyer was a special education teacher at both schools, which she just started her first year at Savannah, and also the dance coach for the Spoofohounds.

The Maryville side of the food drive is going to a week later with the funeral and homecoming.

"There were many students that were absent due to the funeral, and with all of the distractions that homecoming has, it was just a difficult time," Kurz said.

Kurz, a graduate from North-

west Missouri State University, has been around the Maryville area for a while now and he has seen the impact fundraisers have on the Maryville community.

"It's a really cool competition for the two communities to come together and both help out their shelters. We hate it that we could not do it this week, but with the funeral of a former staff member, homecoming week, and having only three days of school, we are looking forward to doing it next week and being able to help out the community. It is a good way to rally around each other to give back."

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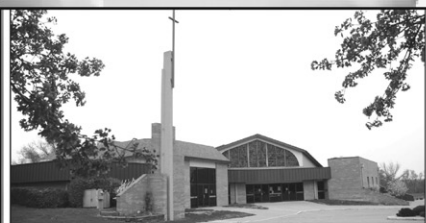
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OUR VIEW:

Media may be at fault for continued shootings

Since last week’s issue of the Missourian, there have been three more mass shootings. Why are these shootings continuing to happen? It is possible that the media is influencing the shooters.

Forensic investigators have found that young men at risk of conducting a shooting are likely to connect with the shooters they see on TV.

People allured by mass shootings often see the gunman as a hero, a man who came from being a nobody to being plastered all over media within a matter of days.

One possible solution to this could be to keep the name of the shooter out of coverage. However, one problem is that the media is spending too much time looking at the shooter’s life and giving details about the problems the shooter went through.

Someone with the same problems, who is bullied or who is living a life similar to the life of the reported shooter will watch these reports on TV and see a way to make their life better.

They might look at this person who has the same problems as they do, but the person they are seeing has become infamous and an anti-hero. The person might now see escaping the life they hate is as simple as obtaining a gun and starting a mass shooting.

Also, is giving the killer this much publicity the best idea? We understand the need to cover something as tragic as a shooting, though we may also be giving the killer too much attention. By giving them this attention, they are being talked about, which is something that



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a lot of killers want. They want to feel like they are important again, and we are promoting them.

Shooters will often post a video or photo about what they have done or what they are about to do. Seeing someone get the revenge that another person wants is some-

thing that can spark an idea.

We at the Missourian understand that there is no one way to keep shootings from happening, but there are actions media can take to prevent them from happening frequently.

Step one is giving the killer

less coverage. It is possible to cover a major story without going into unnecessary detail about the killer and his or her life. Keep images of the shooter out of media, keep the videos the killer puts up on social media out.

Media is a very large part of the

reasoning behind multiple shootings, though we can not place all the blame on the media, it may be a very large part of why these mass shootings are continuing to happen. When we see a decrease of coverage on the killer, we could see a decrease in mass shootings.

Generalizing mental illnesses creates unwanted stigma

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Here’s the thing, I could step up on my soapbox and talk for hours about the issues behind the perceptions of mental illness. I will save you some time and try to sum up the basic points.

In light of the growing amount of deaths due to gun violence and mass murders coinciding with Mental Illness Awareness Week Oct. 4-10, mental illness has come to the forefront of many of the discussions.

I am not going to pretend like I know enough about gun laws and restrictions to propose a solution to end school shootings. That is not what this article is about. This article is about shedding some light on what we should be focusing on in the instances of mental illness.

Mental illness comes in a variety of different forms and affects each individual differently. Accord-

ing to the National Alliance of Mental Illness, one in every five Americans suffer from a mental illness. Only 62.9 percent of adults with a serious mental illness received psychological help in the last year.

And who can blame them? Coming from someone who has suffered from a mental illness, it is really easy to convince yourself there is not a problem. You tell yourself you can handle it on your own, no one else is even going to understand your story.

However, people telling themselves that there is not a problem when they are suffering with a serious mental illness can be a danger to not only the person with the mental illness, but also the people around them.

After the tragic incident in Oregon, Demi Lovato, a pop artist suffering from bipolar disorder, appeared on MSNBC to speak on behalf of those with mental illness.

“I think it’s really important to remember that people with mental illnesses are actually more likely to inflict harm on themselves and be-

come the victim rather than be the perpetrators,” Lovato said.

Although Lovato has first hand experience with her own mental illness, this gives her no right to speak on behalf of all of those suffering with a mental disorder.

She is in no way certified to make this distinction and if she is trying to decrease mental illness stigmas, she is merely creating a new one. She generalizes to the public that all people with mental illness are self-destructive. This is not to say that some are not, but she cannot make that generalization.

The Mayo Clinic defines anti-personality disorder as, “a type of chronic mental condition in which a person’s ways of thinking, perceiving situations and relating to others are dysfunctional — and destructive. People with antisocial personality disorder typically have no regard for right and wrong and often disregard the rights, wishes and feelings of others.”

In layman’s terms, a person with antisocial personality disorder does not show empathy for others. They

do not care if they inflict pain, because they do not understand pain themselves.

The Clinic continues to list symptoms of the disorder which include violent behavior, frequent infractions against the law and manipulation of people for personal pleasure. These are common characteristics attributed to a serial killer.

Don’t get me wrong, I am not blaming all mass murders on people with mental illness. I am sure many people living with anti-social personality disorder are fully functional and have never harmed another person in their lives. I am saying that mental illness is a huge spectrum incorporating 20 percent of the country. 20 percent of the population cannot be limited to the musings of a pop artist because some of them are extremely capable of inflicting pain upon other people.

According to the Autism Science Foundation, one in every 68 children is somewhere on the autism spectrum. It defines Autism Spectrum Disorder as, “a complex set of neurological disorders that severe-

ly impair social, communicative and cognitive functions.”

Autism is a set of disorders that affects each individual differently. Some children with autism can function in a normal classroom with lots of redirection. Other children have to be taken to other schools. Some children are passive, some hurt themselves and some hurt other people. There are too many factors of autism, and of any mental illness, to say that they all act one way and all can be helped with one form of therapy.

I do not claim to have a solution to stop school shootings. I do not claim to have a solution to help all people with mental disorders. I do want to spread awareness about mental illness and the stigmas surrounding it.

Limiting and generalizing the mentally ill is doing a disservice to ourselves and to our community. I am not claiming to know what to do, but I am saying that we need to do something.

American viewpoint on gun violence is skewed

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Mass shootings in the United States have become old news. Everyone knows this. We are all familiar with turning on the news or logging onto Facebook, only to see media coverage of the latest shooting spree. At this point, the problem feels permanent. We allow ourselves to grieve, but only for a moment, a moment that only lasts as long as our last tweet or our latest photo on Instagram.

While voices on either side of the political aisle try to answer the call of the

American public, we often only hear two viewpoints: one that we must remove dangerous, assault style weapons from the public and two that guns don’t kill people; people kill people.

This binary view of what is perhaps the most heated political issue in America, is one that only reinforces the gridlock that has led to the widespread desensitization to gun violence in the consciousness of the average American.

To understand the issue in a more complex way—a way in which we can find common ground—we must get to the heart of this deadly issue. It is obvious that guns do not kill people, in the same way that cars do not kill people. The drivers, and similarly the disturbed shooters, are the ones committing the crime. Lying at the center of almost every one of these

massacres is the constant repetition of the phrase, “senseless violence.”

We can understand then that it is not guns that kill people, nor is it sensible people that kill people in these mass shootings, but rather, it is the work of apparently senseless maniacs. And here lies the foundational issue surrounding the ever more common shooting sprees in America: that we repeatedly focus on partisan issues of binary rhetoric, instead of the growing epidemic and taboo surrounding mental health in the United States.

Only when we recognize the blind spots in our search for a solution to the seemingly endless mass shootings in America, will we find the common ground that we must stand on. In recognizing this oft-non-spoken issue that lies at the heart of US shooting sprees, we also must realize that our

blind spots are perpetual.

In spite of all our dreams for a perfect, peaceful world, we will never solve all the problems, we can never stop all the killings. Every further shooting must serve as a reminder of the urgency that this issue demands, and the questions that it should raise: What sort of things can we do to build a country in which mental health is no longer a secret and taboo? How can we better show the people estranged by society that they matter? How can we ensure that those stricken with mental health problems be kept from purchasing deadly weapons? Only when we begin to consider these causes of the mental health epidemic nationwide, can we start to treat the symptoms.

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The Wells Bank is slated to open May, 2016. The bank is planned to have three drive thru lanes, rather than the usual two. There will also be one ATM access machine for automatic service.

With the new bank opening, some city officials are wishing to expand Maryville's horizons and add more businesses to the city.

"The City of Maryville has been very aggressive in the last few years regarding economic development efforts and attracting additional business and retail opportunities to the community," McDanel said in an email. "Often, we can assist with incentivizing the infrastructure required to make a site feasible for a developer if indeed it makes responsible sense for the City to do so."

Along with this new bank, Maryville has added a new Casey's and car wash. They have also began development of a Pizza Ranch as well as a site for Lettuce Dream.

The Wells Bank site is a part of the Fountain Park Development that will include future retail buildings.

"If and when the City can assist with economic development, it makes sense for us to do so," McDanel said. "Additional business expansion leads to additional jobs, property and sales tax which go to support the local governments and school district."

With all the development there is bound to be mixed reactions. Maryville citizen Sandra Woods said she is in favor of the new bank.

"I may look into the bank. I think it's good to have more banking competition and the more successful businesses we have the stronger the community," Woods said.

However, not all Maryville residents see a need for a new bank.

"I don't bank anywhere in town. With online banking and mobile banking, the need to have a home bank is unnecessary unless for cash and loan purposes. It might not get much business since people usually don't switch financial institutions. I worked at a bank for five years and people don't change financial institutions except its farmers for better rates or people financially unsound," Maryville resident Josh Lafefebber said.

More stories on the upcoming developments will be reported by the Missourian.



BRIA CREENEN | NW MISSOURIAN

The Maryville branch of Wells Bank is scheduled to open May 2016. The location of the bank will also be the site for further retail development.

SPEED
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However, despite these statistics, MoDOT recommended the lowering of the speed limit along that intersection.

According to the council, there was another concern about the U.S. Highway 71 and E. South Ave. intersection.

"Although the area has excellent sight distance, the intersection appears to be the location of numerous

near-miss accidents. Upon review, MoDOT strongly discouraged the significant reduction of speed limits in this area, as the lowering could contribute to more accidents," according to the City Council Action Report.

By raising the 45 mph speed limit in that area, the concern was that drivers would be in more danger trying to obey the higher speed limit and not be aware of an upcoming intersection which could cause an increase in accidents.

Combating this concern, MoDOT suggested the addition of 'cross intersection ahead' signs for traffic traveling northbound to warn drivers about the upcoming intersections.

Wood said Maryville Public Safety will observe a grace period, but will not be focusing on that area.

"We will have a grace period of sorts while the signs are being put up. But it doesn't we mean we are going to modify our patrol techniques, won't be focused out there

because of this change," Wood said. "We intentionally do not spend a great amount of time out there because we have other responsibilities in town."

So far, community reaction has been quiet.

However, Wood said he believes the community is pleased.

"I haven't heard any community reaction, I know this was driven by community concerns expressed to MoDOT. And I know that for a number of years I have had inquiries

about why we haven't changed that speed limit because a lot of trucks go through there very quickly," Wood said.

While the change isn't that drastic, it is hoped that the reduction of the speed limit will increase driver safety along U.S. Highway 71.

"A desired outcome of the change would be for those concerned drivers to feel safer and assist with accident reduction or the severity thereof," McDanel said.

Blotters for the week of Oct. 2

Nodaway County Sheriff's Office

Oct. 5
Nicole Carter Burlington, 28, Junction was arrested on Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

A theft report has been released from a construction site near Ravenwood.

Oct. 7
Benjamin L. Ensley, 21, was arrested in Glenwood, Iowa, on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary, armed criminal action, assault, theft, and property damage.

Gage S. Lankas, 18, was arrested in Maryville on a Nodaway County warrant for forgery and theft.

Oct. 9
Michael D. Eddlemon, 22, Rock Port, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary, armed criminal action, assault, theft and property damage.

Kyle J. Leslie, 21, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for forgery and theft.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 2
A summons was issued to **Aaron Davis** at 200 Block of West 1st Street for Minor in possession.

There is an ongoing investigation at 800 Block South Main for Larceny.

Oct. 4
A summons was issued to **Randall Arndt** at the 300 Block of North Market for trespassing.

A summons was issued to **Austin Ambrozi** 1100

Block South Main for disorderly conduct, minor in possession, resisting arrest, false information to a public safety officer.

A summons was issued for **Tony Todd** at 1100 Block South Main for disorderly conduct and minor in possession.

Oct. 5
There is an ongoing investigation at 1800 Block North Main for Burglary.

A summons was issued for **Richard Clark** at 1100 Block Brentwood Drive for code violation.

A summons was issued for **Jeremy Freihoff** at 800 Block South Main Street

for disorderly conduct.

Oct. 6
There is an ongoing investigation at 100 Block North Charles for domestic assault.

There is an ongoing investigation at 400 Block James Avenue for an ongoing investigation for lost/stolen property.

Oct. 8
There is an ongoing investigation at 700 Block North Walnut for Larceny.

Oct. 10
There is a summons issued for **Alaina Moore** at 2400 Block South Main for driving while suspended.

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Oct. 7
A summons was issued for property damage in lot 57.

A summons was issued for liquor law violation in Dietrich Hall.

A summons was issued for stealing in an unknown location.

Oct. 8
A summons was issued for stealing in Colden Hall.

Oct. 9
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation in Franken Hall.

Oct. 10
A summons was issued for

a liquor law violation in Dietrich Hall.

Oct. 11
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation in the Administration Building.

A summons was issued to **Dalton Mulligan** for Trespassing.

Oct. 12
A summons was issued for Drug Law Violation in Dietrich Hall

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The first Democratic debate of the 2016 presidential campaign aired Tuesday, Oct. 13. Candidates included former United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee, and former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb.



Guillermo del Toro's Crimson Peak opens in theaters Oct. 16. The movie stars Tom Hiddleston, Charlie Hunnam, and Mia Wasikowska. Bridge of Spies, starring Tom Hanks also premieres in theaters Oct. 16. According to IMDb, this movie highlights an American lawyer recruited by the CIA during the Cold War to help rescue a pilot detained in the Soviet Union.



Coheed and Cambria release its new album The Color Before the Sun Oct. 16. Carrie Underwood releases her new album Storyteller Oct. 23. Def Leppard releases its new self-titled album Def Leppard Oct. 30.

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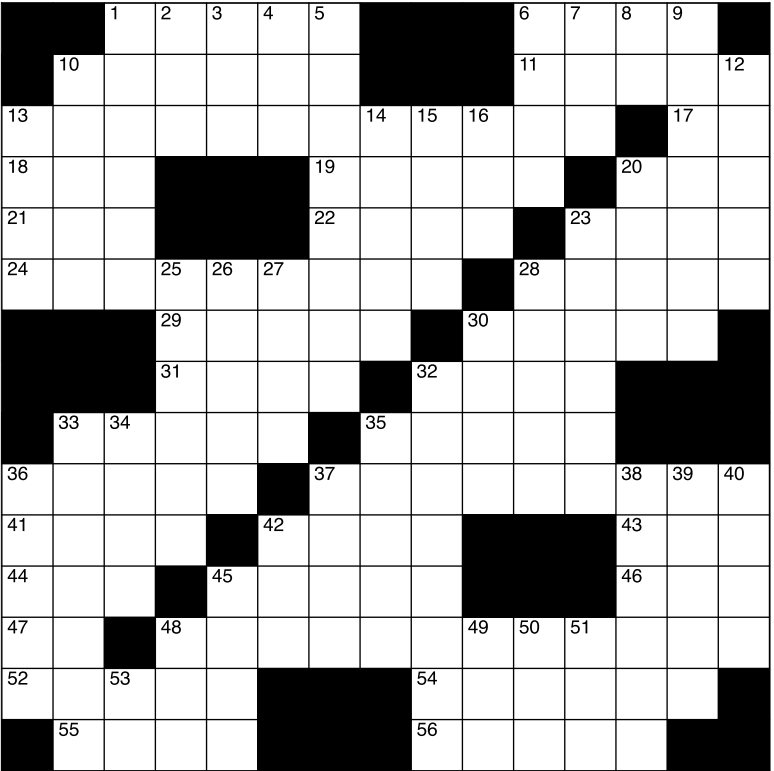
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. LA team member
- 6. Young Fr. woman (abbr.)
- 10. Per __, each
- 11. Feet
- 13. Veggie toy
- 17. Overdose
- 18. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 19. So. Am. plain (Span.)
- 20. Point midway between N and NE
- 21. Single
- 22. Inactive
- 23. Mother of Hermes
- 24. Gives a new meaning
- 28. Silent players
- 29. One who adds Cluny trim
- 30. Men or boys
- 31. God of War
- 32. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 33. Inevitable events
- 35. Add piquancy
- 36. Skin lesions
- 37. Cannabis
- 41. River of NE Turkey
- 42. 2 family struggle
- 43. A young swine
- 44. __ student, learns healing
- 45. 55300 MN
- 46. Opie actor Howard
- 47. World's oldest news gathering organization (abbr.)
- 48. Luke's Jedi mentor
- 52. Japan's knife & scissor city
- 54. Medical antiseptic & dye
- 55. Early female flyers
- 56. Loses heat

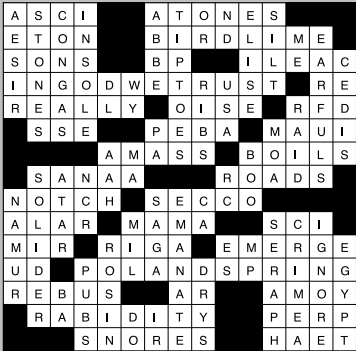
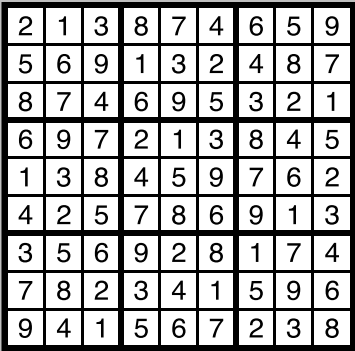
Clues Down

- 1. No longer practicing
- 2. Military mailbox
- 3. Cowboy Carson
- 4. 7th Greek letter
- 5. Nautical ladder rungs
- 6. Hmong
- 7. Fellow
- 8. Maltese pound



- 9. Coal blacks
- 10. Japan Airlines bird
- 12. Different concepts
- 13. Secure a ship with ropes
- 14. Elder
- 15. Belongs to famous computer
- 16. Point midway between NE and E
- 20. Moniker
- 23. Environment
- 25. Fills with joy
- 26. Transportation charges
- 27. Frosts
- 28. Counterpart
- 30. 2nd largest Hawaiian island
- 32. Grimly humorous
- 33. A dog's front foot
- 34. Mures River city
- 35. Steam bath
- 36. South African Music Awards
- 37. Sound made by a cat
- 38. Clothing protectors
- 39. Wife of Amphion
- 40. God of fire (Hindu)
- 42. Favorite weekday (abbr.)
- 45. Japanese sashes
- 48. Klutz
- 49. " __ Koo," Debbie Harry debut album
- 50. Tokyo
- 51. Hardly any
- 53. Cathode

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Local band draws large crowd at weekend concert

REBECCA BOREN
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Almost everyone has had the dream of making it big and becoming famous. Whether you started a band in high school that practiced in your garage or performed in every musical and play that your school produced, everyone dreams of being noticed.

Unfortunately, for most people, this dream is not realized. However, those who do have a chance of making it have a long road of hard work ahead of them.

Dedication is key. One lucky high school band with this dedication, The Strive, turned professional and played at Maryville’s own local bar, The Palms, Oct. 10.

“I have several friends in Maryville,” lead vocalist Brenden Stevens said. “I have played acoustic by myself at The Palms before, and they asked me to try and get the whole band up here.”

The band is made up of five members. Brendan Stevens is from Kansas City, Missouri. Drummer Nick Stacy is originally from California but grew up in Lawrence, Kansas and graduated from Liberty High School. Bass player Michael Zenk and rhythm guitarist Greg Dowd are also from Kansas City. The final member of the band is Luke Davis who plays lead guitar. He is from Kearney.

The band started with Stevens and Kyle Ward, a previous band member, when they were just 17 years old. Ward was producing a solo record and needed someone to track drums. Ward posted a Facebook status about needing a drummer and Nick Stacy responded.



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Local Kansas City band The Strive traveled up to The Palms Saturday night to perform for Northwest Students.

The rest fell into place. Ward, Stacy and Stevens decided to start a band. Stacy brought Dowd, Davis and Zenk over and gave Stevens and Ward a demo that they had been working on.

This demo later became the band’s first song, “Dreaming of You.” Due to some musical differences, Ward later left the band, but The Strive continues five years later.

Stevens said his musical career is a balancing act.

“I still attend college at University Missouri-Kansas City. I work 40 hours a week as a server at Outback Steakhouse, but during all of that I just want to be on tour,” Stevens

said. “It’s all about balance. Sometimes, when I am doing super well in school and working a lot of hours at my job, I am not at practice as much as I should be, or the social media aspect of the band struggles. On the flip side, when I am really immersed in my music, school becomes harder to keep up with. It’s all about trying to find a middle ground.”

Through the struggles, The Strive has still gathered quite a following and this showed at the concert. The show began at 10:30 p.m. and was preluded by another Kansas City band, Boulevard.

The Strive opened up with their first song ever written “Dreaming

of You,” then their top three selling songs on iTunes, “Design the Road,” “Kingdom,” and “Sleepless.”

Much of Stevens’ inspiration for his music comes from personal experience. The No. 1 song, “Sleepless,” is about his mom passing away from cancer when Stevens was only three years old. “Design the Road” discusses his father’s struggle with alcohol and “Kingdom” was about Stevens discovering himself.

Freshman Jordyn Azcona was unable to attend the concert due to the age restriction at The Palms, but has been a long time fan of The Strive.

“I was friends with the drum-

mer’s stepsister in middle school, so she got us all interested,” Azcona said. “Their music is all different and super relatable.”

Joshua Zeilmann has also been a long time follower of The Strive and was able to go to the concert.

“I have followed The Strive since my freshman year of high-school. They are a really sweet band,” Zeilmann said.

The concert also had attendees that drove quite a long time to be there.

Meghan Horton (@Meghanificent15) tweeted after the concert, “I drove seven hours for this and I am by no means disappointed. Great night with @wearethestrive.”

During the concert, Stevens talked about low points in his life and how he got through them. He wanted to make sure that everyone at the concert knew who to turn to for help.

“The Wellness Center is a great resource for students. It doesn’t matter what you’re dealing with; stress, depression, weight loss, anxiety. We have been doing this for a while now and people come up to us after the shows, and as much as I love that they feel as though they can turn to us, we are not the ones certified to help,” Stevens said.

The Strive is a band that illuminates what it means to work hard and be successful while constantly remaining humble and knowing there is always room for improvement.

“I want The Strive to be your band. It’s not about me. It’s never been about me. It’s always been about telling your story,” Stevens said.

‘The Splat’ throws it back

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Children who grew up in the 90s have nostalgic memories watching classic cartoon shows aired on Nickelodeon. The old TV shows from that time can bring that nostalgia. Nickelodeon took advantage of this with its program “The Splat.”

“The Splat” is a nightly program block on the digital cable channel, Teennick. The block starts at 9 p.m. and goes until 5 a.m., showing various old Nickelodeon shows.

“The idea of this program block is awesome,” sophomore Elijah Watkins said. “It brings me back to the good old days of great shows.”

The block currently airs 24 shows ranging from “Doug,” “Rugrats,” “The Ren & Stimpy Show,” “Are You Afraid of the Dark?,” and “Legends of the Hidden Temple.”

“Doug” was one of the original three cartoons aired along with “Rugrats” and “The Ren & Stimpy Show.” The cartoons were known as “Nicktoons.”

The show “Doug” focused on an 11-year-old named Doug Funnie and the various predicaments he and his friends get into. They can range from Doug’s fear of pub-

lic speaking to Doug and his best friend, Skeeter, trying to raise money to replace a grill they accidentally broke. The show is narrated by Funnie in the form of journal entries.

“Rugrats” started at the same time as “Doug” and told the stories of various toddlers and their experiences when they played together. The babies used their imaginations to transform the everyday into adventures.

The last of the original three “Nicktoons,” “The Ren & Stimpy Show” is also one of the shows on the block. The premise of the show is the duo of a Chihuahua with a short temper named Ren and a happy go lucky cat named Stimpy. The show was known for the off-color humor and hidden sexual innuendos that were rare for the time.

Besides the classic cartoons, various live action Nick shows are in the block. “Are You Afraid of the Dark?” is a horror show where a group of characters tell a scary story. The stories usually involved some form of paranormal activity. The actual stories would be shown to viewers instead of the telling.

Some of the classic game shows from Nick’s past are also on the block. “Legends of the Hidden Temple” was an action-adven-

ture style game show. Each episode would focus on an artifact hidden in the Mayan based temple. Various teams competed in multiple rounds of games and trivia before the final team went into the temple to find the artifact hidden.

The only way to watch the block is on Teennick. Streaming is unavailable, which has left senior Chelsea Smith disappointed.

“I’m really hoping there is some kind of online component for this soon because it would be smashing,” Smith said. “Most of the fans of these shows are either in college or just out of college, so cable might not be affordable.”

Despite not having Streaming, “The Splat” does have an online presence with social media. “The Splat” social media platforms promote the various shows multiple times a day with video clips and screenshots. There is also a keyboard app for iPhones and Androids. The app adds emojis and gifs related to the classic Nickelodeon shows.

Students who want to watch “The Splat” in Maryville, will need to have either Directv channel 303 or Dish Network channel 181. SuddenLink customers can not receive the channel due to the dispute last fall with parent company Viacom.

Students discuss favorite abnormal costumes

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With Halloween approaching, finding the right costume can be difficult, however, sometimes the perfect costume to go with is a unique costume.

Some Northwest students in the past have dressed up in less traditional costumes during their childhood.

“When I was five or six, I went as a Hershey Kiss that my mom picked out for me,” sophomore Madison Muir said. “When I show people the old pictures, they said it was hilarious and adorable at the same time.”

Sophomore Nick Fountain went as one of his favorite TV characters in fifth grade.

“I was Dog the Bounty Hunter because I loved the show growing up,” Fountain said. “The people I got candy from were confused that I knew who he was as a fifth grader!”

Senior Dakota Carmichael wore his most unique costume in his last year of high school.

“I decided to go as a breathalyzer and people were flabbergasted,” Carmichael said. “One person told me it was rude, others thought it was genius. Most said it was one

of the most unique costumes they had seen.”

For being creative with Halloween this year, various costumes from pop culture are likely to appear. Expect costumes like Donald Trump and other presidential candidates for the 2016 election. Other costumes that should appear are the shark from the Super Bowl halftime and a creative take on “Netflix and Chill.”

Buzzfeed, offers various creative costumes that friends can dress as in it’s article “21 Insanely Creative Halloween Costumes For You And Your Friends.”

The article written by Rachel Wilkerson Miller and Alanna Okun can give various costumes that are bound to make someone the talk of the party.

Fans of NBC’s “Parks and Recreation” can go as a Ron Swanson costume and one of his favorite things in life, breakfast.

Another food related costume can be a Chipotle burrito with a guacamole suit.

Picking the right costume for Halloween can take some work. Some students are conservative with their costumes, others are more liberal. Finding the right fit for someone is the way to go.

Spanish department offers cultural film festival

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Northwest started yet another tradition this year, setting precedent for more cultural diversity in years to come.

As the Hispanic population grows in the United States, so does the need for understanding cultural diversity. According to the 2014 US Census, 17.4 percent of Americans are Hispanic. Whether they were born in the United States or one of the many Hispanic countries, their culture can be quite a bit different from others.

These growing numbers create a need for education about Hispanic culture. Northwest decided to educate students and present them with movies from five different Hispanic countries, each presenting a prominent issue during the time it was released.

The films shown were Chinese Take-Away, Undertow, Wrinkles, The Liberator and After Lucia.

Freshman Micayla Taylor attended the film festival to fulfill a requirement for her pluralism class. The pluralism class meets Northwest’s requirement for multicultural competency.

“We have been talking about different ethnicities and things like that, so the event could create a better understanding for different cultures,” Taylor said.

Taylor attended the showing of Wrinkles, an animated film about Emilio, a man in a retirement home going through the early stages of Alzheimer’s. The movie was shown with subtitles so people reading along were still able to connect with the story and understand the emotional intensity. Alzheimer’s is a degeneration disease that people across various cultures can all relate to. This film presented the idea that people from different cultures can still go through the same experiences.

Freshman Broc Sorenson is majoring in business education. All education majors are required to complete 30 diversity hours, according to the Northwest handbook, and some of those hours could be satisfied by attending this event.

“I attended the film festival for my pluralism class,” Sorenson said. “I learned that even though we may look different, personality and the way we act may be very much the same.”

As president of the Spanish Film

Club, Kayla Rodriguez spearheaded the event.

“Being exposed to different cultures allows for students not only to learn about different cultures, but to grow intellectually and have a better understanding of a group of people who may be different from them or anything they have ever been exposed to,” Rodriguez said.

Over one hundred students attended the festival this week. Students had the option to view various films covering cultural differences, homosexual relationships, elderly abuse, war and bullying.

Although Rodriguez was in charge of the week, she does not want to take all of the credit for the success.

“None of this would be possible without KC Film and Media, the Multicultural Student Success Office,” Rodriguez said. “And Steve Bryant, who supported us from the beginning by helping us pay for the movies, and suggesting the group show our films during Hispanic Heritage Month.”

Northwest is taking cultural diversity very seriously and the week of cultural education is beneficial for not only Northwest students, but for the community as well.



HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN
The Spanish department hosted s film festival outside South Complex Oct. 7.



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The Walking Dead reels in successful premiere

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The long awaited sixth season of “The Walking Dead” aired last Sunday. The season premiere did not disappoint fans. Twitter was filled with tweets about the show with the hashtag #TWD.

For those who aren’t in the know, “The Walking Dead” follows a group’s fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic world where the dead outnumber the living.

The AMC original series dominated the cable ratings at the No. 1

spot for the week of Oct. 5-11.

Within the first few scenes, viewers were introduced to new characters and hordes of walkers threatening the characters’ new found safe haven.

The show stepped up cinematic elements for this season, showcasing flashbacks in black and white and seamlessly transitioning to present time.

“I thought it was awesome the way they told it with the broken timeline, flashing back to scenes in black and white,” senior Kaitlin Guffey said. “I also really liked the

dynamic of the herds being so close, just to prove they aren’t nearly as safe as they feel. I can’t wait to see where the rest of the season goes.”

The season also offers more insight to just how psychologically exhausting living in a post apocalyptic world is.

Rick Grimes’ descent into madness is highlighted and the audience is given a clear glimpse into his mind, and it’s only the first episode. This storytelling device promises the audience more madness to come from the series lead.

“This isn’t a new theme for the

show, so I hope it’s explored in more depth this time around. Rick is teetering very close to full villain at this point,” said Erik Kain, in a review of the show published online by Forbes. “I think it’d be more interesting if he went all the way and had to be stopped.”

Fans of the show are spoiled in respects to character development for all characters in the show, even those who have a short run in the series.

The original Atlanta group, including Daryl, Carol, Rick, Carl, and Glenn has made incredible strides in

changing personae.

Of course, any post apocalyptic show that features flesh eating zombies has its share of blood and gore.

While this episode spared fans on any major character deaths, it wouldn’t be a premiere without at least one death.

However, due to spoilers, the details will be left out, but it wasn’t short of bloody.

Fans were gifted with an action-packed 90 minute series premiere that left them craving more.

The show airs Sundays on the AMC network at 8 p.m.

Beautiful Gold Grill

a short story by Kaylie Sorensen

The summer I turned nine, a woman moved into my cul-de-sac. In any other town, this wouldn’t be noteworthy, but here it was. Everyone that lived here was either born here or married into a family here. I knew every single person on my street by first, last, and middle name. I knew where all of my friends’ parents worked and what times they would come home at night. Nothing changed. This town is an eternal prison. Everyone gets trapped here. So a new addition was more than noticeable.

She moved in by herself in a U-Haul weathered to the point where it wasn’t so much as orange as it was tan. I sat cross legged in the front yard of my own home, plucking dandelions and blowing out my wishes. She didn’t look over at me as she towed in box after box. Mom came to the front porch to watch for a few minutes, her hands rolling the phone back and forth so fast it was a blur. No doubt she’d called all of our neighbors to alert them. Sure enough, Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Howell stepped out of their safe havens and watched like I did.

No one heard much from her for the first two months. Mom got worried that, since she appeared to be in her late fifties or early sixties, she might have had a heart attack or fallen. Dad soothed her over the dinner table that, at that age, seemed miles long. He told her that she worried too much. I, for one, was curious.

It didn’t take long to convince my partner in crime, Alyssa, to come with me to knock on her door. At that age I was a little daredevil, the most reckless of the pink bike gang. Alyssa showed up at my house at six that night, right after dinner was over. She had her hair slicked back and a navy jacket hugging her small shoulders. She looked similar to the burglars we saw on TV.

“Are you ready?” I asked quietly, glancing back to make sure my parents hadn’t decided to check on me. Being an only child sucks sometimes.

“Yeah.” Alyssa shrugged. The good thing about Alyssa is that she’s a perpetual follower. She asked no questions as I led her across the street and up the front walk of this stranger’s home.

I was bold, knocking firmly on the front door. When no one answered immediately, my boldness started to wear off. Alyssa kept looking behind us. I noted that her hands were shaking a little. I think she could tell we were somewhere we shouldn’t be. I knocked again, but not as loudly this time.

A light switched on in the window to our left. I jumped a little, making Alyssa take a step back. She bumped into the porch railing. I held my breath as the door swung open and there she was. I opened my mouth to speak, but I hadn’t planned this far. The whole thrill was walking up here, having the balls to knock on the door, and run when she didn’t answer. I hadn’t planned on this.

Alyssa made a noise, something between a hiccup and gasp. The woman shifted her eyes to her, but they steadied on me.

“Can I help you?” She asked in a tight voice.

“I...um...I just wanted to welcome you to the neighborhood,” I said lamely.

The woman narrowed her eyes at me. Through the screen door, I noticed that she didn’t move her mouth much.

“Thank you,” she finally replied.

“You’re welcome. Let’s go.” Alyssa reached for my hand.

“You have a cool pin.” I pointed to the large spider shaped pin on the lapel of her cardigan. The woman looked down, running the pad of her finger over the massive black jewel that made up its body.

“Thank you.” This time I’ve earned myself a smile. Instead of pearly whites, like I expected, the entire top row of teeth were a distinct gold. Not like they’d been yellowed or anything; just gold, all fake and sparkling at me.


“You’re welcome,” I replied.

Alyssa yanked me off the porch and we half ran back to my house. We climbed up on my trampoline, the springs squeaking under the shift of weight. I barely listened to Alyssa huff and puff about her actually answering. I hadn’t caught her name, but I’d already made her one of my very own:

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THE STROLLER: Your Woman wants sweater weather

Call me impatient, but, it’s mid-October and there’s no chill in the air, just the same lukewarm breeze, like the breath of a stranger lingering on the back of your neck.

Nothing is better than sitting in front of the window sipping hot chocolate, cuddled up in the softest sweater you own. Bonus points if it’s raining.

With sweaters, we can be both mischievous and fashionable, and between you and me, as the weather grows colder, women become more powerful. Probably because we don’t have to shave as often.

No, women don’t shave when it’s cold out. It’s just another sweater to keep our legs warm. Just kidding, leg hair doesn’t get that thick ... most of the time.

Along with the cold comes the holiday season and another reason sweaters are the best top. Weight gain is almost a guarantee during the holidays unless you have an iron will to resist temptation.

Sweaters are there for us to hide

the shame of giving in and eating two slices of pie instead of one, with every inch covered in whipped cream. Admit it, we all do it, unless you’re a horrifying creature that doesn’t like pie.

Deep down we all enjoy what we can hide underneath the comfortable sweaters, eating without a care. Sweaters are like our armor between holiday weight gain and judgment. Out of sight, out of mind.

Finally, a less commonly known practice of sweater-wearers, they are perfect for cuddling with puppies. Yes, I said it. It’s just another way to hold your puppy close and whisper ‘love me.’

Cats are okay too, if you’re brave enough to face their ferocity. I wouldn’t want those claw marks on my chest, though. Best of luck to you.

Overall, sweaters are like blankets that you can wear all day without looking like you just crawled out of bed. They’re the perfect disguise.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



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Senior Brady Bolles breaks away from the pocket and carries the ball for a first down in last season's contest. Northwest battles Pitt State this weekend Oct. 18 in Pittsburg, Kansas.

RIVALRY
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

Pittsburg State comes into this game with its back against the wall. The Gorillas dropped a close 46-42 shootout to undefeated Emporia State last weekend, which gave the team its second loss of the season. A loss to the Bearcats could put the Gorillas' playoff chances in jeopardy.

WOERTH
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

With the added responsibility, Woerth took on a leadership role that she would carry throughout her high school and college playing careers. Woerth's skills and leadership ability quickly caught the attention of her high school coach and mid-way through her freshman year, she was thrust into a starting role. Woerth did not betray her coach's trust as she helped lead her high school to its first state championship during her sophomore year. After her high school career was over, Woerth decided to go to Graceland and continued to play volleyball. During her time at Graceland, Woerth became a three-year starter and she was awarded with first-team all-conference and all-region honors. At Graceland, under the guidance of head coach Stew McDole, Woerth became more than just a player; she also grew into a mentor to younger athletes and her fel-

"We're going to go down there to play to win and we're going to be very aggressive," Dorrel said. "Depends on who you talk to, but there's probably not a lot of people giving us a chance to go in there and play well. I know we'll use that as a motivating factor." The Bearcats are coming off of a 69-0 blowout victory over Lindenwood last weekend. The Bearcat defense continued to show why it is the

best defense in the MIAA, holding Lindenwood to just 51 passing yards and 27 rushing yards. Dorrel said the Bearcats will try to ride the wave of momentum from that game as the team heads into the toughest part of its schedule. "It gives us a ton of confidence," Dorrel said. "You can look at the statistical analysis between what we did to Northeastern Oklahoma and Lindenwood and what everybody

else has done to them and I think there's quite a bit of difference. I'm confident going into this game Saturday, because, again, the kids are doing everything we are asking them to do." The youth of this Bearcat team is no secret. Many starters have not played in as important of a game as they will play when they take on Pittsburg State, but according to Dorrel, these games are exactly why

you want to come play for Northwest Missouri State. "It's the best team we've played to this point, it's a huge challenge," Dorrel said. "As a coach, as an athlete, as a competitor, quite honestly you don't want to prepare all year to play in games when you beat a team whatever to zero. I'll just be honest with you, that stuff gets old after a while. You compete, you coach, and you play to play in games like this."

low teammates. "My (playing) career was actually going as I figured out that I wanted to coach," Woerth said. "Stew McDole runs volleyball camps in the summer. (During) my sophomore year in the summer, I started doing volleyball camps with him. The first year, I kind of worked my way up into the coaching spot of having a group during camp. So during my sophomore, junior and senior year I was already coaching." In 2001, McDole officially hired Woerth to be an assistant coach. With Woerth on board, Graceland advanced to the NAIA post-season tournament. Under McDole's tutelage, Woerth learned what it took to lead and be a head coach. "He didn't tell me what to do, he taught me how to do it," Woerth said. "He taught me the education behind how you coach and why you set up drills and what the thought process is to be when you do coach." When Woerth graduated from Graceland in 2003, she was ready to move on, which led her to come to

Northwest. Woerth served as a student assistant for Northwest during the 2003 and 2004 seasons. During her first stint at Northwest, Woerth earned a master's degree and continued to build her coaching resume. In 2005, Alaska-Fairbanks hired Woerth to be its assistant head coach. Woerth coached at Alaska-Fairbanks until 2010. Even though Alaska was out of her comfort zone, she saw it as a unique opportunity that she could not pass up. "I didn't know what I was going to do if I got it, I didn't know if I wanted to move to Alaska," Woerth said. "It was one of those decisions in your life that I felt was the right decision long-term, now that I look back at it. I got that job because of who I knew. Coming out of Stew's programs and being a head coach in Alaska, Phil Shoemaker wanted someone who he knew and he knew where I came from. It was a good match for both of us." After spending five years at Alaska-Fairbanks, Woerth was ready to tackle a different challenge. That

next challenge popped up in 2011 when former Northwest head coach Jessica Rinehart hired Woerth to be an assistant. Even though Alaska-Fairbanks was far away from Northwest, Woerth knew it was an easy choice to come back to Northwest. "I knew Northwest, I knew the people and I knew that it would not be very hard to transition back in," Woerth said. "Alaska was a different thought process. The family feel wasn't in Alaska as much (as Northwest). When we sell that Northwest is family, that's what it really is. I just feel like the people who surround us here in our athletic department and the people that we get to coach with on a daily basis. I'm so blessed." In July 2012, Rinehart unexpectedly resigned and Woerth took over as Northwest's head coach. Despite having little time to prepare her team for the coaching change, Woerth was able to lead the team into the MIAA post-season tournament. Even though Northwest has experienced a few disappointing sea-

sons under Woerth, her ability to connect with and develop players has been her biggest asset in turning this program around. "She's all about communication, all about relationships," senior Aarika Wittenburg said. "We're in her office almost every week just talking about relationships with other players and making sure that connection on the court is there. She brings the energy, she knows what to say during practice to get us motivated. She's not scared to put us on the line. As a player, you want someone that's going to push you and challenge you every day." This is Woerth's fourth season as Northwest's head coach and since then, the Bearcats have made two MIAA post-season appearances. This year, the Bearcats are 11-6, already matching last year's win total. Northwest's promising start shows that Woerth's vision and foundation for her team is finally taking shape.

COACH
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

"She's a firecracker. She takes no prisoners. She's got a great personality," Popovich said last year in an ESPN interview. "She knows her stuff. She's competitive." "You never know what your journey has in store... You just work hard and keep your nose to the grind," Hammon said in an interview with Sports Illustrated. "You do things the right way, you treat people the right way, and good things happen. ... I'm just thankful that (Popovich) trusted me with the guys in that locker room and that those guys trusted me back." With hiring Hammond, a domi-

no effect occurred in the form of Jen Welter. A female coach in the NFL is unheard of, but the Arizona Cardinals ostensibly bucked that trend with naming Welter as an intern coach for training camp and pre-season. Welter had experience with football before she joined the Cardinals. Welter logged carries for the Texas Revolution, an indoor football team that happens to be all male. "I didn't start playing football to be here... I didn't even dream that it was possible. I think the beauty of this is that, though it's a dream I never could have had, now it's a dream other girls can grow up and have," Welter said. Welter described her limited time as coach as better than she

could have imagined. She also contributes her success in coaching to understanding that players are more than that. They are people too. Sure, sports still have a long way to go regarding gender equality. The fact that the NFL has been littered with domestic abuse may have also contributed to the signing one of these coaches. One thing is clear; each hiring paid immediate dividends. The Spurs winning the Summer League title and the Arizona Cardinals performing like the best team in the NFL help validate the hiring of both. It also doesn't hurt when you have the 'I don't care what you think' oft-compared to god Popovich there to back you up

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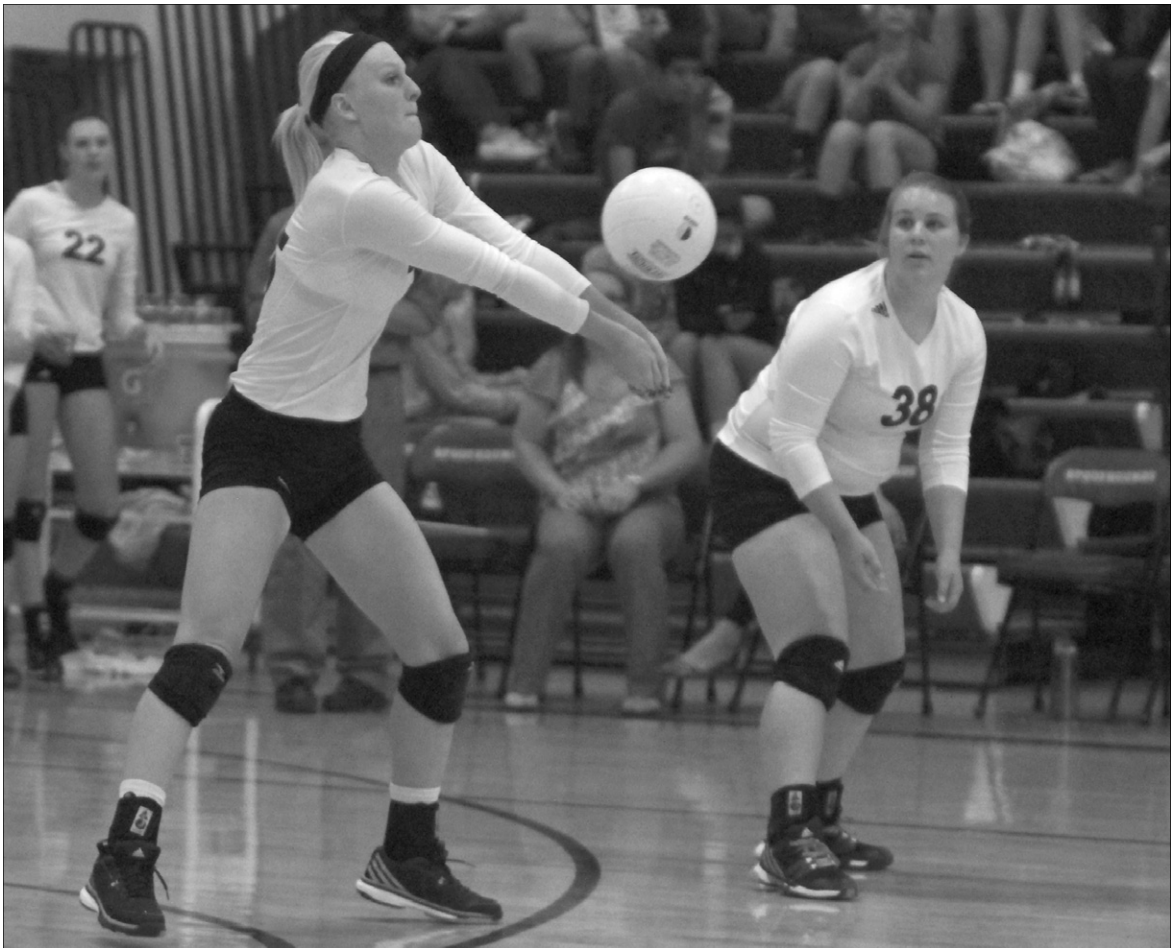
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GOLF
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Coach Peterson understands the importance of lifting his players up when they are down. "He's very positive with us, he doesn't ever push our game down or talk us down," sophomore Gia Zupancic said. Zupancic has been with Peterson through his first two years and can already see the difference he has made. "He works with us a lot," Zupancic said. "He puts more time and effort into us, making sure that we are all coming together as a team. He is focused more on the team aspect. He's not only there for us on the field, but off the field as well. If we ever need to talk, he is there for us."

An important aspect of this team is its youth. The team is made up of one senior, two juniors, two sophomores and five freshman. "There's a lot of good competition on our team compared to last year. Coach brought in some really good freshmen. Our one senior is really good as well and it's super nice to have a strong, young team," Zupancic said. This was the first year coach Peterson had control of the recruitment process. "Last year, the girls were all comfortable in their varsity spots. This can cause a team to be complacent, so that's why I signed five freshmen," Peterson said. With that many new faces, it could pose a challenge to the veterans when trying to fight for a spot. Peterson is the head coach of the women's golf team, the Assistant

Director of Athletics for Facilities and assistant men's basketball coach at Northwest Missouri State. "Some people don't think he can be with us as much with all his jobs. I think he does an awesome job (doing) his other two jobs as well as helping us out," Zupancic said. With each position he has at Northwest, Peterson takes a different approach to each and every individual athlete. "It's just experience. You get so comfortable playing here for five years...different kids respond to different things, to different styles," Peterson said. "The different sports you coach, the different genders you coach, every kid responds to different coaching, different ways. The best coaches can identify and utilize those buttons quicker than other coaches."



Senior Abby Van de Ven receives the serve with a bump, Tuesday evening against Smithville. SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Volleyball hopeful going into districts

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The 2014 season has not gone the way Maryville Volleyball Head Coach Connor Kellerstrass had envisioned. Despite the poor finish to the regular season, Kellerstrass knows that he has a talented team that is capable of competing with just about anyone.

“The skill is there, we just haven’t been able to put everything together all at once yet,” Kellerstrass said. “(We’ve) just had a lot of unforced errors that we have slowly corrected. As we lost a few more games, the confidence went down, so the unforced errors went up and it was just a hard cycle to break.”

The Spoofhounds entered the 2015 regular season with high hopes and expectations, spurred by a 19-10 finish last year. The Spoofhounds got off to a promising 6-3-1 start, but they faltered down the stretch. Whether it was miscues or injuries, Maryville was not able to capitalize on the strong start.

“As you can see by our record, (our season) has clearly had its ups and downs,” senior Jacquelyn Ware said. “I think we have really grown as a team. I think we have individ-

ually gotten better. We’re still trying to work on playing as a whole. We’ve been working on our chemistry, but it is not where it should be.”

With the regular season wrapped up, the Spoofhounds will now shift their focus to districts. The district tournament will give Maryville one last opportunity to turn its season around. If Maryville loses again its season is over.

If the Spoofhounds can find a way to win all three district games, the team will not only be district champions, but will also advance to the state tournament.

The Spoofhounds are 12-14-1. Even though Maryville will not be able to match the 19 wins it had last year, it can still accomplish something it was not able to do in the previous season, and that is winning districts. In volleyball districts last year, the Spoofhounds lost in the second round to Smithville, which brought on an unceremonious end to an otherwise good season.

The Spoofhounds do not see districts as the impending end to their season, but instead a challenge and a great opportunity.

“I truly feel that even though we are the sixth seed, we’re not that far away from being with all those other

schools,” Kellerstrass said. “(They need to) be ready to give everything they have. We have nothing to lose, we’re the underdog. We’ve just got to lay it all out there on the line and make sure we leave nothing out there on the court.”

Maryville’s first opponent in districts is Lafayette. Heading into the matchup, the Spoofhounds know there is a heavy task at hand. Lafayette has proven to be a tough nemesis for the Spoofhounds. The two teams have met four times this year and Lafayette is 3-1 against Maryville.

“Our two matches during the week that we played (against Lafayette) both went to three sets, and then in our two tournament matches, we swept them one time and they swept us one time,” Kellerstrass said. “We have to be efficient and consistent. They’re the scrappiest team we always play. They hustle for every ball, so there’s never any ball that’s just down.”

If Maryville beats Lafayette, they will face Savannah or Cameron in the second round.

Maryville will take on Lafayette at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at Savannah High School in the first round of districts.

Soccer maintains winning mindset as season progresses

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The Maryville High School boys soccer team (10-7-1) has high hopes to continue a recent string of success as play-offs approach.

The Spoofhounds are looking to push through the district tournament for the first time in recent years.

According to head coach Stuart Collins, this is a key component to this year’s team spirit.

“It is a lot of fun,” Collins said. “The guys are playing together well. You can’t do anything better than that.”

The current state of the team would not have been predicted a month ago. Entering the season, the Spoofhounds only won five of the first 11 games. According to Collins, this was the hardest part of the schedule this season.

“The first three weeks is the hardest soccer we play. We go to Kansas City eight times,” Collins said. “That’s really good competition.”

The Spoofhounds only won three of the nine matches which took place in Kansas City. Combined, they were outscored 27-26. This gave the team a chance to reevaluate its identity.

Senior Tyler Stoll said playing these games helped the Spoofhounds realize there were lapses in communication on the field.

“We didn’t pass the ball at first or talk as much as we wanted,” Stoll said. “We realized we

are better than we were showing.”

The losses uncovered the weaknesses the team needed to improve. One of these include keeping the ball in Spoofhound control.

“We focus on keeping our shape and it really improves everything,” Stoll said.

According to Collins, these changes have allowed the Spoofhounds to reform their identity through learning from their mistakes.

“They have done a great job of learning since the beginning of the season,” Collins said.

The Spoofhounds have gone on to develop a winning record since adjustments were first made. The team also developed a streak of five consecutive shut-outs. The Spoofhounds most recently overpowered Chillicothe Oct. 13 with a score of 2-1.

“Playing whistle to whistle works. You just don’t quit, and the guys don’t believe in quitting because they don’t,” Collins said.

The identity of the Spoofhounds is likely to change again despite only two games left in the regular season.

“We can be real dangerous, but I don’t see me ever being satisfied,” Collins said. “I want them playing great soccer and as long as they are progressing, there is no reason we are going to be here and leave it.”

The Spoofhounds will take on Lafayette Oct. 15, followed by Savannah Oct. 19. They will begin playing in districts Oct. 21.

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FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	6-0	6-0
Emporia St.....	6-0	6-0
Central Missouri.....	4-2	4-2
Fort Hays St.....	4-2	4-2
Missouri Western.....	4-2	4-2
Pittsburg St.....	4-2	4-2
Washburn.....	3-3	3-3
Central Oklahoma.....	2-4	2-4
Lindenwood.....	1-5	1-5
Missouri Southern.....	1-5	1-5
Northeastern St.....	1-5	1-5
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-6	0-6

Oct. 17

NORTHWEST at Pittsburg St.
Emporia State at Fort Hays St.
Central Missouri at Central Oklahoma

Oct. 24

NORTHWEST vs. Fort Hays St.
Emporia St. vs Missouri Western
Central Missouri vs. Northeastern St.

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	18-1	7-0
Missouri Western.....	14-4	6-1
Washburn.....	18-2	6-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	16-4	6-2
Central Missouri.....	17-3	5-2
NORTHWEST.....	11-6	4-3
Fort Hays St.....	11-9	3-5
Emporia St.....	8-9	3-5
Lindenwood.....	8-9	1-6
Southwest Baptist.....	3-14	1-6
Missouri Southern.....	2-16	1-6
Pittsburg St.....	1-17	1-6

Oct. 16

NORTHWEST at Washburn

Oct. 17

NORTHWEST at Emporia St.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri.....	11-1	5-1
Northeastern St.....	10-2	5-1
Central Oklahoma.....	7-4-1	4-1-1
Southwest Baptist.....	7-5	4-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	4-5-3	3-2-1
Emporia St.....	7-5	3-3
Fort Hays St.....	6-6	3-3
Missouri Western.....	6-4-1	2-3-1
Washburn.....	3-6-3	2-3-1
NORTHWEST.....	2-6-3	1-4-1
Lindenwood.....	2-7-3	1-4-1
Missouri Southern.....	2-10	0-6

Oct. 16

Fort Hays St. at NORTHWEST

Oct. 18

Nebraska Kearney at NORTHWEST

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC Standings

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	8-0	6-0
Smithville.....	6-2	5-1
Chillicothe.....	5-3	3-3
Savannah.....	4-4	3-3
Benton.....	4-4	3-3
Lafayette.....	3-5	3-3
Bishop LeBlond.....	3-5	1-5
Cameron.....	1-7	0-6

Oct. 16

Lafayette at MARYVILLE
Cameron vs Smithville
Benton at Chillicothe

Oct. 23

District Playoffs



Senior Tyler Stoll dribbles the ball up the field Tuesday evening Oct. 13. HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Fishing Club shows military appreciation

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During Military Appreciation Week at Northwest Missouri State, a few members of the Bearcat Fishing Club were taking part in the celebration in a unique way.

Junior Landon Paul and senior Emily Porter traveled to Truman Lake to take part in an event called Fishing for Freedom.

Fishing for Freedom is an event in which volunteers from all around the midwest take active duty and retired military veterans out on the water for a bass fishing tournament.

Porter said she participated in the event because of the benefits that it provides to the men and women who currently serve or have served our country.

“Fishing for Freedom gives wounded warriors the opportunity to get away from anything that they may be going through,” Porter said. “It just kind of allows an outdoor opportunity to have a lot of camaraderie. It just kind of gives them a chance to relax and do something for themselves.”

The event is all expenses paid for the veterans that participate, making it easier for many veterans around the midwest to attend. The event was open to all angling skill



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Northwest Fishing Club members participated in Fishing for Freedom Saturday, Oct. 10 at Truman Lake.

levels, from those who have never fished before to the most experienced bass fishers.

Fishing for Freedom managed to find more than 50 sponsors in order to put on the event.

The event was funded through private donations as well as local and corporate sponsorships.

Porter’s job during the event was to help with the boaters’ registration. She helped ensure that there were enough volunteers to pair with boaters, and that everyone had proper boaters insurance.

While Porter helped with organization, Paul was paired with an active duty member of the military for the day as they participated in the bass fishing tournament.

“It was pretty fun. I was paired with a younger guy who was actually still active duty,” Paul said. “We just talked, had a good time and fished. I think it showed that a lot of people support (veterans). It helped them out because it gave them a day to go out and fish and have a good time without worrying about anything.”

The event brought more than 120 boats, and while it was a tournament style, there were no prizes.

Not only was this tournament a great way to help the military veterans of our country, but it was also a great way to get the Bearcat Fishing Club in the public eye.

Porter said the event was an opportunity to help the club meet new people and discuss new opportunities.

“There’s a lot of good networking that occurs at these kinds of events,” Porter said. “You put 300

people in one location that all have a passion for the same thing, that all want to help out the same wounded warriors, and it really helps. We had some professionals and boaters down there that talked to us about maybe getting a lead on sponsorships with different companies, and that really helps us out.”

The Bearcat Fishing Club hosts its first and only tournament of the season, the Bearcat Open, Oct. 25 at Mazingo Lake.

Hounds to battle for outright MEC title on senior night

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With so much to play for, emotions will be flying high for Maryville in Friday night’s contest.



The Spoofhound seniors will be honored for the last time during senior night at home before the game, but after that, it is game time.

Maryville is playing for the outright Midland Empire Conference title and first overall seed in the Class Three playoffs.

The Spoofhounds will introduce 12 seniors alongside their families before taking the field against Lafayette.

Most of those seniors were freshmen when head coach Matt Webb first took over the program. Webb said watching them grow as men is the thing he will miss the most.

“This senior class has been extremely successful on the football field and they have been instrumental to me,” Webb said. “I am most

proud of watching these guys grow up off the field and watching them make good decisions with their lives. It has been a lot of fun watching them grow up and I am going to miss them for who they stand for as people.”

The Spoofhound seniors have gone 50-1 since their freshman year on varsity. Senior Dustin Piper said as seniors, they want to set the bar for underclassmen.

“No matter how long the underclassmen have been here, we try to set a standard every practice for them to work their hardest. We want the next senior class to be as successful as we were,” Piper said. “We try to have a big influence on them throughout practice and games so they can step up to fill our shoes.”

With a victory, the Spoofhounds win an outright conference title. With a loss, they share the title with Smithville. Luckily, the Spoofhounds y have the experience of being in this position before. They have won three straight conference titles. Piper said they have to look at

Lafayette as any other game.

“We have to prepare like we do any other week,” Piper said. “We can not be too excited and we can not think we have it won because of who we are playing. They are a tough team and we just need to keep down to earth. If we can execute on offense and do everything right on defense, then I think we will be OK.”

Winning the outright conference title will also give the Spoofhounds the first seed in playoffs with home-field advantage.

“The playoffs are what you play for this time of the year,” Webb said. “You want the undefeated record at the end to be able to host the first three district games at home. This is a community that supports us extremely well and we’re pretty appreciative of all the fans and students that come out to watch us on Friday nights.”

The Spoofhounds will depend on leadership to ease the emotions. Senior Dakota Beemer said the leadership is about everyone pushing



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Seniors Dustin Piper and Dakota Beemer walk out to prepare for the second half.

each other to work harder.

“It starts from the top and works it way down. From the freshmen all the way to varsity we have done a good job of pushing ourselves,” Beemer said.

Lafayette (3-5, 3-3 MEC) comes to town with a two-game winning streak. The Spoofhounds will look to stop the Fighting Irish’s big play ability.

“They are very explosive,” Webb said. “On offense, they spread you out and create mismatches in the open field. We will have to tackle well and then rally to the football. They certainly can throw the football. When you can do that, you can really pose to be a threat. We will have to rely on our defense to have another good night this week.”

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Brayden Clews-Procter



The redshirt freshman for the cross country team was named MIAA co-Men’s Cross Country Athlete of the Week after his 14th place finish at the Lewis Conference Crossover Oct. 10.

Anna Holden



The senior for the soccer team scored her third goal of the season, the 11th of her career, and ties for sixth in career goals at Northwest as the Bearcats tied Washburn Oct. 11.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Thomas Distefano



The freshman for the Spoofhounds soccer team scored two goals in the final five minutes to propel his team past Chillicothe Oct. 13.

John Zimmerman



The junior wide receiver caught two passes for 54 yards and returned a punt for 54 yards in Maryville’s 24-0 victory over Savannah Oct. 9.



RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

The Bearcats take on the Gorillas in Pittsburg, Kansas, at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 18. No. 22 Pitt State enters the game 4-2, while No. 3 Northwest is 6-0. The game will be televised on KSMO.

The Bearcats head to Pittsburg, Kansas, for the first time since 2001 following last year’s homecoming loss

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It is rivalry week Bearcats, and this year’s game has all of the storylines to make for a must-see matchup. As Northwest prepares to take on a familiar foe in the Pittsburg State Gorillas, one thing is on many Bearcat fans’ minds: revenge. Last season, the Gorillas came into Bearcat Stadium and took down an undefeated Northwest team on homecoming day. “I think our kids certainly remember that feeling,” head coach Adam Dorrel said. “You use it in a positive way to try to prepare this week. Each week you go back and watch last year’s film, and obviously we did that, and it was hard to watch...I think our kids will use it as a challenge to try to prepare better and to know who we’re playing.” The Bearcats head into this matchup undefeat-

ed again, only this time the game is at Carnie Smith Stadium, otherwise known as “The Jungle”. Northwest has not played a regular season game in Pittsburg, Kansas since 2001, a game the Bearcats won 35-31. After that season, the showdown moved to Arrowhead Stadium in what became known as the Fall Classic. Since then, the Bearcats have won two national championships, nine MIAA championships and went through a coaching change, but the heat of the rivalry remains. The Bearcats have won nine of the last 13 regular season games against the Gorillas since 2001, but the raucous environment could pose problems for the Bearcats this weekend. When asked about what kind of an environment Dorrel was expecting heading into the game, Dorrel did not skip a beat. “Loud,” Dorrel said. “It’s a great stadium, the

way it’s structured, and when they get everyone in there and it’s at capacity, it’s extremely loud. We’ll work on that this week...tomorrow we will pump the crowd noise in and work on that, especially on third down stuff.” The last time that senior quarterback Brady Bolles stepped foot in the Gorillas’ territory was when the two teams were fighting to continue their playoff runs. Bolles was just a redshirt freshman back then, but he said, from what he remembers, it is not an easy place to play. “Their fans, they were into it the entire game,” Bolles said. “Even when they got a big lead, they still were hammering it, they were letting us have it. We know it’s going to be a hostile environment, but we need to be ready to go.”

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Professional sports see rise in female presence



San Antonio Spurs Head Coach Gregg Popovich has always been known to deviate from the norm, like sitting his starters during a nationally televised regular season game, giving the proverbial middle finger to the league commissioner at the time, or making snide remarks coupled with his soul-piercing stare directed at reporters that would make even the most confident person question their own existence. Even his team’s style of play,

which puts emphasis on fundamentals and extra passes as opposed to letting his athletes work in space to create more highlight plays in an era dominated by social media, stands alone. But it was Popovich’s latest move that is responsible for changing the landscape of professional sports. Becky Hammon, 38, has already made her mark in the WNBA. A six-time WNBA all-star and league leader in assists, Hammond was asked to coach San Antonio’s Summer League team. The result: a league championship and constant attention from the outside world. What stands out most from her time in San Antonio is the trust she has earned.

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Golf prepares for Park University Classic

The Northwest Missouri State women’s golf team travels to Park University Oct. 19 as it looks to carry its momentum from its second place finish at its home tournament. Last week’s overall finish at the Bearcat Fall Classic was the Bearcats’ best result of the season so far. The team had previously finished 13th in the Central Region Fall Preview and ninth in the Northeastern State Classic. This week, the Bearcats hope to keep the momentum go-



ing as they travel to Parkville. This will be a different challenge as the Bearcats will be the only Division II school amongst Division I opponents. Head coach Andy Peterson said he does not see this tournament any differently than the others. “Honestly, you really don’t treat it any different. You can’t really control what your opponent is doing in golf,” Peterson said. “Golf is you against the course or you against you. It doesn’t really matter who’s there in terms of competition, and that’s what we’re going to be focusing on this week.”

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Head coach Amy Woerth relies on experience as a player and a coach to guide the Bearcats into districts.

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Volleyball finds hope in Woerth

While she was growing up, Woerth did not give thought to playing volleyball. Instead, her sport of choice was basketball. In fact, when Woerth was in sixth grade, her gym teacher encouraged her to try out for the volleyball team, but she was reluctant. During her seventh grade year, Woerth’s gym teacher finally succeeded and convinced her to join the school’s volleyball team. When Woerth joined the team, she became a setter. As a setter, she was given full control to run the offense.



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